Oil refinery in Assam

2153. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: SHEI K. MOHANAN: SHKI NIRMAL CHATTER-.TEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ^be pleased tO' state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the location of the proposed *oil* refinery in Assam is against the preference of the Planning Commission who are of the view that the right place for settin,gi Up a refinery is near the centre of consumption of "i-efined products rather than that of production of crude;

(b) if so, what are the details of the site and what are the considerations in details on which the proposed oil refinery in Assam was decided; and

(c) whether the said refinery is lilcely to be set up during the Seventh Or Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF" PETROLEUM . AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Oil refineries are set up on the basis of several techno-economic con siderations including production centres, consumption zones, transpor tation logistics etc. No decision regarding the setting up an oil refinery in Assam has been taken so far. The details of the site etc at this stage do not arise.

Madras High Court

2154. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: WiU the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies arc there to be filled up in Madras High Court as on date;

(b) the date on which each vacancy has caused;

(c) whether it is a fact that lawyers throu£'hout Tamil Nadu have boycotted courts protesting against the filling up of the vacancies in Madras High Court;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a writ petition was filed in the past in the Madras High Court regarding the delay in filling up the vacancies in the High Cou'rt; and

(e) whether Government are considering to fill up the vacancies in Madras High Court; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) There are at present 4 vacancies of Judges in the Madras High Court, which arose on the following dates:—

Sl. No.	Date
1	15.9.1983
2	22.10.1983
3	5.1.1984
4	1.6.1985

(c) The factual position is being ascertained.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The matter of filling up ol vacancies of Judges in Madras High Court is engaging the attention of the Government. If is not possible to indicate the date by whicli the vacancies would be filled up.

Industrial collaboration agreements with Japanese firms

2155. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industrial collaboration agreements signed between Indian and Japanese firms for public and private sectors